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NOTED CAMDEN COUNTY PRINT COLLECTOR TO GIVE "POINTERS ON AMERICAN HISTORICAL PRINTS"

ROBT. TEITELMAN WILL SHOW FINE LOCAL AREA EXAMPLES

If you were one of the fortunate to attend the superb exhibit of Philadelphia prints at the Free Library of Philadelphia in 1960 and the exhibit in Camden of old views of that city and the Delaware River in connection with the New Jersey Tercentenary, S. Robert Teitelman, the exhibitor and speaker at our next meeting needs no introduction.

Mr. Teitelman, a native of Camden and a print collector since World War II, has won distinction in his field by virtue of his thorough scholarship, lively interest, discriminating taste and a philosophy of sharing his fine collection with others.

His exhibit of the famous Birch prints at the Free Public Library was a historic *tour de force* showing selected Birch views of old Philadelphia with photographs taken by him of the same places or locations as they looked in 1960.

Another major exhibit to be held in Philadelphia in the near future of William and Thomas Birch's works will include a selection from Mr. Teitelman's collection with photographs of the same

NEXT MEETING

Date: Tuesday, November 23
TIME: 8 P. M.

PLACE: Friends Meeting House
Annex on Lake Street
Annual Business Meeting

GUEST SPEAKER:
S. Robert Teitelman
"Pointers on American Historical Prints"

scenes taken this year showing the major changes which have been made in the restoration of old Philadelphia in the past five years.

Mr. Teitelman's talk at our November meeting will be illustrated by examples of local area prints, the various types covering, roughly, the period between 1750-1850.

We strongly recommend that you bring pencil and note paper as no antiquarian or collector will want to miss the wealth of knowledge and information to be presented on this fascinating sub-

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HISTORIC WOOD PORTRAITS DONATED TO SOCIETY

Early nineteenth century portraits of Isaac H. Wood and his wife Elizabeth H. Cooper Wood, "of Cooper's Point, N. J." were given to the Society in August by Mr. Benjamin T. Wood, grandson of the illustrious couple who purchased the property of Elizabeth Haddon Estaugh on December 28, 1829.

The gift was accompanied by a letter from Ben Wood which is of special interest to Haddonfield antiquarians.

Mr. Wood writes, "Isaac H. Wood and Elizabeth H. Cooper Wood purchased the property of the late Elizabeth Estaugh on December 28th, 1829. The deed is for 107A, 1R, 35P, the same being the Seat or Mansion of the late Elizabeth Estaugh and is part of the land called New Haddonfield."

"The new owner 'Elizabeth H. Cooper, gentlewoman of Cooper's Point in addition to the purchase price had to assume the payment and liquidation of the mortgage liens and the incumbrances' which amounted to about \$6200.

"The house had been vacant or occupied by careless tenants for over two years and was in very bad condition. The original house burned April 11th, 1842.

"News of the fire was printed in the

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ject. To be covered are the various kinds of prints, the various subject matters depicted, the care and preservation of prints, proper period framings, what to look for in buying old prints, what compromises to make, and this collector's personal experiences in building a collection—from which we can all profit.

Because of the great interest in the subject and the eminent authority of our speaker, the Society urges members to bring their friends.

The annual business meeting will begin at 8 P. M. Mr. Teitelman's talk is scheduled for 8:15.

Camden Mail on April 16, 1842: "Fire we learn with much regret that the Mansion House of Isaac H. Wood was entirely consumed about one o'clock yesterday morning, etc. etc. . . ."

"The new or present house was started as soon as the old bricks cooled off. Three to five hundred new bricks were bought. I have the paid bills for much of the material that went into the new house, also the names of many of the mechanics who worked on it.

"Mr. and Mrs. Wood, whose pictures I am giving to the Society, are buried in the Friends Cemetery just inside the gate on Haddon Avenue, nearest to the Fire House. On their stone appears these dates:

ISAAC H. WOOD

Dec. 28, 1794—Feb. 28, 1879

ELIZABETH H. WOOD

Dec. 12, 1807—Sept. 20, 1880

NEW OFFICERS TO BE VOTED AT NOV. BUSINESS MEETING

The principal business of our November meeting is the election of officers and trustees whose terms expire this year. Officer posts open this year are those of second and third vice presidents and recording secretary.

The Nominating Committee, Mrs. Evan Chandlee Archer, Chairman; Mrs. B. Dexter Streeter; and Miss Helena V. Stevenson has submitted the following slate for election:

2nd Vice President

Mr. Richard H. Hammond

3rd Vice President

Mr. John S. Wood, Jr.

Recording Secretary

Mrs. Beatrice Cox Moran

Trustees (Term expire in 1968)

Mr. Herbert R. Leicht

Mr. Robert Y. Garrett, Jr.

Mrs. Robert J. Dalton

Mr. Robert M. Tatem

Mr. Donald S. C. Willis

To fill unexpired term (1967) of John S. Wood, Jr.

Mrs. David S. Lenhart

"A BIG MOVE" FOR THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

A report on The Historic Hip Roof House by Louis H. Goettelmann, President

It all happened with a letter and check for \$3500 received on June 19, '65. This was the gift of Mr. and Mrs. L. T. Reinicker, Society members, to help in the moving of the Hip Roof House from 23 Ellis Street to the grounds of the Society this year.

The story of our acquisition of this home and the formation of the Hip Roof House Committee headed by Mr. and Mrs. Robert J. Dalton, late in 1961, appeared in our local papers. The Board of Trustees and this special committee have been responsible for the necessary steps taken to accomplish this important work for our Society.

A special Board of Trustees meeting was called on June 28th and on motion they decided to start at once with the moving of the house, with securing the required zoning change and the submission of estimates on the cost. We had to work fast to get the variance for the front set-back before the Zoning Board of Adjustment's meeting of July 20th. With the assistance and guidance of our Counsel, Howard S. Tilton, Esq., things were set in motion and advertisements appeared in the 8th of July newspapers. We wished the set back of 23' 6", equal to the 1747 Library Wing, rather than the 35' ruling set forth in Zone R 1 B. This position on our lot was planned in February of 1964 with the Society's two architects (myself and past president Herbert R. Leicht, A. I. A.) collaborating with Frederick W. G. Peck, Landscape Architect who had visited the site. Further approval has been given by the noted restoration architect, G. Edwin Brumbaugh, F. A. I. A., who knows our property and was the speaker at a society meeting not too long ago.

Estimates were received and opened at the Board Meeting of August 3rd.

with the moving of the building awarded to Wm. E. Russell & Sons of Mullica Hill, and the foundation work, cellar, carpentry and utilities to A. G. Ritchie & Sons, General Contractors of Gloucester City. All the bids of local builders were much higher.

We then obtained costs on the removal of two large trees in the way of the house. This work was completed in August. We regretted removing the trees but when the work was completed it was found that lightning and disease had affected them, with trunks and roots hollow. We hope to plant several fair size trees in the proper location for the new setting.

The actual moving was well covered in the local papers of September 9th, with many photographs. The mover said that he had moved many homes and buildings but none had been photographed as much as this one. The Hip Roof House stopped in front of the Haddon Fortnightly when the noon whistle blew but started again on its march down King's Highway at 12:30 finally resting on our grounds about 3 o'clock.

Since that time the contractor has built the new foundation walls and footings; then the cribbing was removed and the house lowered on the walls with the balance of the masonry work following that.

New carpentry work to reinforce the old structure was completed, broken glass replaced and recently the grading has been finished on the old Ellis Street lot. The trustees have received several offers for the purchase of that property but have withheld its sale for the time being. The utilities, gas, water and elec-

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ACQUISITIONS TO GREENFIELD HALL MUSEUM

May through October, 1965

1. Crystal chandelier and its installation in our Victorian Room, by Mr. and Mrs. L. T. Reinicker.
2. A pair of old ice skates, Mrs. Reuben H. Dobbs.
3. Scale model replica of Mount Vernon Street Station and its Vernon Switch Tower, Haddonfield, made by Harry Heffelfinger in 1931 and presented by his granddaughter, Mrs. L. W. Pearl.
4. Empire desk with bookcase and a Victorian dresser with oval mirror, presented by Mr. Siddons Harper, Jr.
5. Sections of the cast iron fence with posts to complete the existing fence along property front given by Mr. and Mrs. Harry A. Bauer.
6. Organ stop from organ just removed at Presbyterian Church, and an Empire table given by Mr. W. A. Searle.
7. Three quilts, old pictures, a framed portrait of J. E. Redman and a book of his "Miscellaneous Poems", old camera, old flag, pincushion, given by Mrs. W. Abbott Willits.
8. Two framed portraits, Isaac H. Wood and Elizabeth H. Wood, given by their grandson Benjamin T. Wood.
9. Old pictures—the Dunbarr Family, given by Mrs. R. J. Dalton.
10. A satin and black lace parasol, a quilted bonnet, seal skin muff, brown velvet dress and maroon velvet suit, sandalwood fan, old jewelry, leather purse, scarves, pin cushions, dress trims, belonged to Margaret Stafford Garwood (1798-1850) given by Mrs. Peter Leyendecker.

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tric are in the builder's contract, with the heating work, the existing heater's conversion to oil, etc. being a gift of our member Richard H. Hammond.

Our next step is to close up the house properly for the winter and when our funds are sufficient we hope to begin the restoration of the interior.

Please send all items for the
Bulletin to the Bulletin Editor:

(deadline for each issue is 25th
of preceding month of regular
meetings)

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